

Hockey Notes

On Saturday afternoon, January 11 manager Bars loaded up the Albert Pee Wees and brought them into Irma for the opening Pee Wee game of the season with Simmerman's boys of the Pee Wee age.

From the start the Albert boys had the best of the play although they were kept from scoring until well on in the game. The Irma boys got through several times but failed to score. When the time came to cease fire the visitors had four goals marked up to their credit while Irma had none. One of the Albert goals was scored when O Meyer was allowed a penalty shot.

Oscar was also credited with one other goal and K. Guy and J. Babji one each.

It was a lovely warm afternoon to watch a game but the ice was getting ting soft. The fans who attended thoroughly enjoyed themselves watching the boys attempting the different plays. The Irma team certainly showed they need lots of practice if they are to continue playing hockey.

Line-up:

Albert—D. Bars, L. Johnson, C. Glover, W. Guy, K. Guy, O. Meyer, R. Johnson, R. Ramsey, A. Hay, R. Currie and J. Babji.

Irma—E. Carter, R. Wilbraham, L. Cooper, J. Guitner, G. Miles, C. Sonoff, D. Harper, J. Fletcher, W. Pyle, W. Marsden, J. McKay, L. Naham, G. Pyle, A. Pierce and D. Simmerman.

Referee—A. Carter.

The Ryley hockey team was supposed to play a Gas Line league game in Irma on January 10th, but so many of their players were sick the game had to be called off.

So far this has been a very poor hockey season for Irma.

On January 8th the Irma Junior hockey team played host to the Sedgewick Juniors. For junior teams it was a bang up game, very well played and interesting to watch. No goals were made until well on in the second period when McDougall of Sedgewick succeeded in scoring. A few minutes later J. Sonoff got No. 1 for Irma from a scramble in front of the Sedgewick goal. From the face-off A. Sonoff carried the puck down the ice and scored No. 2 for Irma unassisted. From then until ten seconds before the final goal the battle went on up and down the ice. At this point Bearlato succeeded in tying the score. It was then decided to play ten minutes overtime. During this extra period Bearlato of Sedgewick scored twice and Kirkman once while Irma was unable to boost

Albert District News

Mr. Ivan Hardy left on Friday for Camrose where he will take a month's training.

The Albert W.I. met at the home of Mrs. G. W. Hardy on Thursday. A quilt was completed by the ladies to be forwarded by the Red Cross to survivors in England. Mrs. McRoberts was tea hostess and served a delicious lunch. Among the visitors were Mrs. R. A. Larson, Mrs. W. D. Ramsey and Mrs. H. H. Currie.

On New Year's Eve a goose was taken from Mr. N. Babji's chicken-house. Mr. Babji hopes the visitor enjoyed his dinner.

Mr. Edgar Jones was a visitor to Edmonton last week.

Obituary.

MR. J. F. JAMES

Mr. J. F. James, of Jarow, Alberta, passed away at his home Tuesday, January 14th, at the age of 60 years. He leaves to mourn his loss his loving wife two daughters, Mrs. H. E. Fuder of Irma and Mrs. F. A. Fuder of Edmonton; also a number of brothers and sisters in England. Funeral services will be held in Irma, Thursday, January 16, at 2 o'clock in the United Church. Interment will take place in the local cemetery.

Be careful not to overcook egg yolks since they are apt to curdle. When adding egg yolks to a cooked mixture first beat them with a fork and then add a small amount of the cooked mixture. When the combination is well mixed add to the rest of the food. Cook it for only a minute and then serve immediately.

their total. Final score Sedgewick 5, Irma 2.

Lineups: Sedgewick—Graham, Baker, Kirkman, Bay, McDougall, Butt, Bearlato, Begum, Vickerman, Ward and Stenbacken.

Irma—T. Sonoff, Inkin, Jones, A. Sonoff, Charter, J. Sonoff, Carter, McMillan, McKay, Knudson, Elford, Webber, McFarland.

Referee—O. Hendricks.

In a fine game of hockey played at Irma on Wednesday night between Irma and Hardisty, the local boys came out on the long end of a 6-2 score. Goals for Irma were scored by Jones Carter, Hughes, Hendricks and A. Sonoff 2. R. Taylor tallied for Hardisty.

Minutes of Monthly Meeting M.D. Battle River No. 423

The council of the municipal district of Battle River No. 423 met in the office of the secretary-treasurer at Irma, Alberta, on Thursday, Jan. 9th, 1941. Full council present as follows: Messrs. Smallwood, Stewart, Blakely, Collette, Killy and Steele with reverend R. D. Smallwood in the chair.

Moved by Mr. Killy that the minutes as read by the secretary of the meeting dated December 12, 1940, be adopted as read. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Blakely that that part of motion No. 464 of December 12, 1940, reading "and investigate the contents of R.B. 37 submitted to the council" be deleted from said motion. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Blakely that the report of the committee re Geo. McLean relief recipient, and the report of the reeve be accepted. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Stewart that the clothing list on form 16-4 of the provincial government re Geo. McLean as read to the council be received and noted. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Stewart that the application for direct relief on R.B. 37 of Geo. McLean be accepted and clothing order as submitted be approved. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Stewart that the report of the committee re Chas. Abernathy clothing be accepted. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Killy that the application for direct relief on R.B. 37 of Chas. Abernathy be accepted and the clothing list be approved. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Blakely that food relief be issued to Chas. Abernathy at \$2.50 every Saturday to the renewed if necessary at each council meeting. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Smallwood that relief be issued to Mrs. Bergquist for \$10 until Feb. 19 and that the Feb. and March relief at this amount be purchased at R. S. Boag Co. at Hardisty. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Stewart that socks for issue of gum rubbers for the Bergquist children be approved and this order be forwarded to the bureau of public welfare today. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Steele that in the matter of J. D. Nachtagal provincial government approval of relief at \$10 per month as discretion, that information as asked for by the government for medical evidence, that secretary get same from the municipal doctor and reply to their form RB 15-2. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Stewart that relief be issued to J. D. Nachtagal for \$10 until Feb. 13, 41 and charge provincial government. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Collette that in the matter of Mrs. A. Knicely provincial government approval of relief at \$6 per month until April 1st, 1941, at which time the sons should be able to support themselves and mother that the bureau of relief be asked to deal direct with this recipient after that date. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Blakely that relief be issued to Mrs. A. Knicely at \$6 until Feb. 13, 1941, and charge provincial government. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Killy that relief be issued to F. Cartier for \$12 food relief until Feb. 13, 1941, and secretary advise the bureau of relief that the recommendation to them should have read \$12 per month and not \$10 as submitted on RB 37. Cd., R. D. Smallwood dissenting.

Moved by Mr. Blakely that in the matter of Harry Figginshaw on the authority of the superintendent of child welfare that this child be sent to Mr. and Mrs. McLaughlin at Claraheim, Alberta at the expense of the municipal district without delay on the condition that Mr. McLaughlin accepts full responsibility of the future of this child. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Killy that the application for mother's allowance of Mrs. A. G. Enger be accepted and this council recommend to the provincial government an allowance of \$35 per month. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Steele that the secretary write Mr. G. F. Hodam of Strum, Alta., that his letter of December 21st was read at this meeting of the council and they agreed that at no time was any promise made that any increase in mother's allowance of Mrs. L. Hodam be retroactive to former months allowance. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Blakely that Mr. G. McLean procure a grade and price on oats and barley from the SE 16-46-8 and leave same at the municipal office and this matter be dealt with at February meeting of the council. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Stewart that the secretary advise Mr. J. A. MacKenzie of Wainwright re H. E. Massey W 12-46-7 that the council are not in a position to release this selling, until such time as the lease agreement with H. E. Massey and this District of one third share of all crops grown on said lands in 1940 has been paid to the municipal district. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Steele that correspondence from the Canadian Wheat Board re sale of wheat from municipal owned lands as read be accepted and filed. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Stewart that the report of the committee re alleged damage claim of C. Steele and R. King be accepted and that the committee carry on and report at the next meeting of the council. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Stewart that the secretary write the federal minister of agriculture regarding township 44.9 and 44.8 P.F.A. Act explaining fully this matter. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Collette that the secretary write Mr. C. Weise that the council cannot undertake the closing of road allowance in question. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Stewart that the secretary write the Royal Alexandra hospital, Edmonton, regarding certain old accounts that at a full council meeting of January 9th, 1941, it was agreed that the council do not consider the municipal district liable for these accounts. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Stewart that the secretary advise the bureau of public welfare re R. J. Patterson 609-24571 that the municipal district has paid the St. Anne's hospital, Hardisty, account in question of \$50 that unless the municipal district is reimbursed that this council cannot give consent to any of their residents for admission to any hospital. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Stewart that W. T. Barber be appointed D.R.O. for div. 4. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Smallwood that D. A. Glasgow be appointed D.R.O. for div. 3. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Collette that J. J. Wakefield be appointed D.R.O. for division 6, hospital trustee vote. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Killy that Geo. Madler be appointed D.R.O. for div. 1 and that part of div. 2 lying east and south of Battle River which is in the hospital area, hospital trustee vote. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Steele that Hedley's hall be the place of the annual meeting February 15th, 1941. Cd.

The following polling places were approved: Div. 1 and part of Div. 2, Fabian school; Div. 3, Municipal Office, Irma; Div. 4, Hedley's hall, Irma; Div. 6, Battle Heights school.

Moved by Mr. Stewart that the returning officer be paid \$25.00 for services if an election is necessary and \$15 if no election and the D.R.O.s be paid \$5 for services if necessary. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Collette that the monthly statement ending December 31st, 1940, be accepted as read and incorporated in the minutes. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Collette that the account of the Wainwright municipal hospital \$15 W. Santee be tabled until February 13th, 1941. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Blakely that the account of R. English audit fees \$110.00 1940 audit be passed and paid when audit is completed. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Killy that the following payments be passed: GA, 18.75; SB 147.00. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Killy that the following accounts be passed and paid: Irma Times, papers, Dec. '40, \$35.00; Land Titles office deed caveats 10.00; Chas. Wilbraham.

sal sec treat Dec. 118.94

Petty cash 25.00

Norwich Fire Ins. Society 8.30

W. N. Frickleton, medical 5.00

re McLean family 5.00

J. C. McFarland 10.00

Bergquist relief December 12.00

W. Adams Cartier rel Dec. 12.00

A. C. Armstrong clothing 54.77

Prov Treas child welfare.....	76.82
Prov Treas Mother Allow Nov	30.50
Wainwright Mun Hospital	
re Elsie Bathge	149.00
F. E. McLeod Co. funeral	
arrangements re W. Santee	
P. M. Hill labor div 2.....	4.50
labor div 3.....	2.83
L. B. King, labor div 5.....	10.02
Dept Mun Affairs	
See Ser coll December.....	1088.88
Town of Wainwright coll Dec	20.81
Irma SD 2455 coll Dec.....	378.38
Mun Account comm ret'd.....	19.15
Receiver General of Canada	
N.D.T. Wilbraham	1.06
Motion carried.	
Moved by Mr. Collette that council	
adjourn. Cd.	

Correspondence Re Acreage Bonus

Irma, Alberta,

December 18, 1940

Hon. J. G. Gardiner,
Minister of Agriculture,
Government of the Dominion of
Canada,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir: re Bonus Area
Twp. 46 Range 7 W4th Mer.
P.F.A. Act, 1939

I have been instructed by the council of the Municipal District to write you regarding the bonus awards as to the above township.

This township was declared a bonus area on advice of the Regina office of the P.F.A. branch on June 12, 1940. A delegation from this area met the municipal council at their November, 1940, meeting, and advised that certain farmers in that area had not received their bonus awards. This matter was taken up with the Regina office as the situation fully explained, the superintendent in turn replied on December 6th and the outcome of his letter was that "Certain farmers when submitting affidavits each stated that a form of cultivated acreage report was received but for various reasons was not filed with the Department and they and according to instructions received, their applications could not be accepted at this time."

Knowing these men personally I find that their Statutory declarations were true, the main reasons being that they received their crop report 1939 returns after August 1st, 1939, and they thought it was too late to do anything.

Mr. Gardiner, here is the situation, this township was declared a bonus area, and this was all new to them, all these farmers paid into this policy, they may have made a mistake and fringed the edge of the regulations, but they still make up our Canadian West and when their neighbors are paid and these left out it certainly does not speak well for the principals of our Canadian government. We are a united Canada, and always will be that, and I would ask you to personally give this matter your sympathetic consideration, and approve the expenditure of the balance of this township.

Yours very truly,
(signed) Chas. Wilbraham,
Secretary-Treasurer.

Regina, Sask.

December 23, 1940

CHURCH NOTICES AND ACTIVITIES

UNITED CHURCH

Mid-week meeting in the church on Wednesday evening at the usual hour. Service at Albert Sunday morning if road conditions permit.

FULL GOSPEL SERVICES

Sunday Services
Ross—1:30 p.m.
Roseberry—4 p.m.
Irma—7:30 p.m. (B. Fuder home).
A cordial welcome to all.

SHARON LUTHERAN CHURCH

Divine service 2:30, January 19th.

The Secretary-Treasurer,
M.D. 423,
Irma, Alberta.

Dear Sir:

re Twp. 44-7-4
This will acknowledge your letter of December 17th, 1940, in respect of bonus awards in the above township. The Prairie Farm Assistance Act provides that an award shall be paid to each eligible farmer in a township on one-half his cultivated acreage. Township 44-7-4 was approved in the \$1.00 per acre category and upon checking our records we find that all payments are in order.

We believe that you have been in error possibly in thinking awards are computed on the total cultivated acreage instead of one-half thereof as required by the Act.

Yours very truly
Prairie Farm Assistance Branch
(signed) A. E. Mackie,
Superintendent.
per M. M. Mahoney

Ottawa,

December 24, 1940

Mr. Charles Wilbraham,
Secretary-Treasurer,
M.D. Battle River,
Irma, Alberta.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of December 18 referring to certain farmers in Township 46, Range 7, W4th who fail to qualify for awards under the Prairie Farm Assistance Act for the crop year 1939 through neglecting to file Cultivated Acreage Report forms as required.

While I fully appreciate the position in which these men find themselves I must inform you that no awards have been paid to individuals who received Cultivated Acreage Report forms and failed to complete and return them to the Superintendent of Prairie Farm Assistance before March 31st, 1940. You will realize that if the payment of awards was to be carried out in a business like way some cut-off date had to be established as it was felt that by the date mentioned every farmer who had received a form had had ample opportunity to comply with this requirement. You will understand that it would not be possible to make an exception in favor of Township 46, Range 7, without giving similar consideration to all other townships, which would present very great difficulty at the present time.
(signed) James G. Gardiner.

Cash Specials for JANUARY

BOYS' COATS and MACKINAWs,	2.49
Only a few, values to 8.75, to clear, each	
MEN'S STANFIELD COMBINATIONS	
Red Label, reg. 4.75, on sale at	3.95
A.C. quality, reg. 3.75, on sale at	3.49
MEN'S FLEECE LINED SHIRTS and	
DRAWERS, while they last, each	59c
COMBINATIONS, per suit	1.29
BOYS' HEAVY COMBINATIONS, per suit	89c
MEN'S SHIRTS, an assortment of doekings	1.39
values to \$1.75. Sale now on, each	
LADIES' SKIRTS, on sale now at each	2.79
DRESSES, a good variety of styles and colors, each	98c
SCOTCH FINGERING YARN, white wool that can be dyed any	
color. 5 skeins to the pound. A bargain for this week	
per skein	35c
per pound	1.69

SALE ON FELT SHOES

MEN'S ALL FELT pr. \$2.39	Child's, leather tips.....1.39
MEN'S, with leather soles 2.39	with leather covered foot 2.39

TODAY'S PRICES ON GROCERY NEEDS

APPLES that are good buying	
today all sound quality.	
Spitzberg, tiered.....1.55	Lemons, Sunbelt med. 2 doz 55c
Jonathan, tiered.....1.75	Matches, Chateau, pkg.....30c
Wagners, wrapped.....1.95	Apple Juice, 50 oz. tin.....25c
	Coffee, Blue Ribbon, 3 lb. 1.29
Peanut or Corn, 3 tins.....35c	Corn Flakes, 2 lg. pks. for 25c
Honey, 5 lb. pail, special.....66c	Glass tumbler free with each
	9 pks.

BUY FISH NOW FOR WINTER NEEDS. We have
WHITE FISH SALMON BLACK COD

Shur-Gain Hog Concentrate, 100 lb. sack.....\$3.10

WE SHIP HOGS EVERY TUESDAY.

FOXWELL'S Phone 13 IRMA

BIG DANCE

Under auspices of Irma Junior Hockey Club
In KEIFERS' HALL, IRMA
MONDAY, JANUARY 27th, at 9 p.m.
Novelty Dances Good Prizes
VIKING ORCHESTRA
Admission: Gents 50c Ladies 25c

Coming to Town?
EDMONTON'S MOST FRIENDLY
ROYAL GEORGE HOTEL
INVITES YOU
TEMPING FOOD PLEASING SERVICE CONVENIENT LOCATION LOW RATES

Safeguarding An Investment

Decisions of considerable importance to the economic interests of the people of Western Canada were made at the recent annual meeting of the On-to-the-Bay Association in Saskatoon when resolutions were passed asking for a Western route of transport for the port of Churchill and for a joint through railway rate tariff on grain moving from all Western Canadian points to the Bay outlet.

In the light of the half century history of the struggle of the people of Western Canada to secure the short route from the prairies to European markets and to maintain it in operation once it was established, the On-to-the-Bay Association is fully justified in taking whatever steps may be necessary to see that the investment of \$56,000,000 in the Hudson Bay route is fully protected, and that it is made to yield dividends for the people whom it was designed to benefit—the people of the prairie provinces.

That the Association means business is evident from the fact that it was decided to call a conference of all Western Canadian representatives in Parliament before the next session of the House to place before them the program outlined in these important resolutions.

The history of the campaign for the construction of the Hudson Bay route and its facilities, and of the efforts to make even limited use of the route once it was established, demonstrates the necessity for the further development of this avenue of trade being placed in the hands of a group who will have a single eye to the interests of the people who put up the money—for it must not be overlooked that \$43,000,000 of the \$47,000,000 which represents the actual costs of Churchill and the railway, was raised by the sale of Western lands specifically earmarked for that purpose.

Plenty Of Opposition

When the project was first announced it was immediately opposed by Eastern interests to such good purpose that 40 years was consumed before construction was completed and the port and railway facilities were ready to handle the produce of Western grain fields and such inbound cargoes as might be available. In the meantime, valuable years were lost and \$6,000,000 wasted in the attempt to make Port Nelson the terminal of the system, an effort which, had it been successful, would have wrecked the entire project.

Since the completion of construction, years of drought and depression combined, according to G. A. Hurst, with continued opposition on the part of other interests, have conspired to prevent good use being made of a utility which, otherwise, should already have yielded substantial returns to the Western farmers equivalent, according to a number of authorities, to anywhere from six to eight or nine cents per bushel of wheat.

That some of the prairie legislatures have recognized the great potential value of the Hudson Bay route to Western agriculture and Western business is evidenced by the fact that as recently as 1940, the Saskatchewan and Manitoba legislatures pledged their support to the development of this northern route with the endorsement of all political parties, and it can only be assumed that the Alberta legislature has not to date also pledged its support to this cause because of pressure of other matters upon its attention to the exclusion of this important question.

It is a matter of congratulation that the On-to-the-Bay Association has pursued the wise course of keeping the Bay route out of politics and that all political parties in the west have stood behind the project and its development to its maximum potentialities. It is to be hoped that the Association will continue to be able to prevent this highly important venture from becoming a political football. It is too valuable to the entire populace of the west to be sacrificed on the altar of partisanship.

Up To The People

In view of the strength of the opposition, first to the construction and establishment of the Bay route, and later to its effective operation, it is essential that the people of Western Canada keep a watchful eye on this project so that, whether or not good use of it is made during the war, the termination of hostilities will find the utility unimpaired and capable of immediate operation. It would be disastrous if, for instance, after the war is over, efforts could be made to induce the people of the west to abandon this asset, on the ground that, because of desuetude, the roadbed had disintegrated and facilities decayed, and that rehabilitation would not be worth the price.

If a Western Management Board with farmer representation, as suggested by the On-to-the-Bay Association, were appointed now, such a disaster as that suggested here could not very well happen without the people of Western Canada getting some knowledge of what was occurring, and moreover, the Board would be able to see that the investment is maintained intact against the day when the signals are set for full speed ahead.

The Board, too, would be able to fulfill a very useful function in the interim. Its main objective, of course, would be to promote traffic for the route on both sides of the Atlantic. This will involve the preparation of many plans, the development of contacts and a great deal of other spade work. Even if, for any reason, valid or otherwise, the route cannot be used for commercial purposes while the war is in progress, if this preliminary work were undertaken in the meantime, the day will be hastened when full use can be made of the opportunities that lie ahead.

Most important of all, it is up to the people of Western Canada who have invested in this utility, to determine whether it is to serve the purpose for which it was intended. Individually and through their various organizations they must watch over it and further its development on all occasions and at every opportunity.

Want Their Siren

English Villagers Revolt When County Police Ordered It Silenced

The London Daily Mail says: Villagers of Box, England, are in revolt because the county police silenced an air raid siren. Robert Dyer, 63-year-old clerk to the parish council, who was paid 80 cents a week expenses for sounding the siren, asked for 20 cents more. The county police ordered the siren removed, and now 2,700 people of Box want to know why. Dyer refused to allow an electrician to take the siren from his garden. The villagers declare that Dyer is entitled to an increase to meet lighting, heating, cleaning and telephone expenses. They think it is too much to expect one man to be on duty 24 hours a day for the duration of the war. The people have appealed to the Minister of Home Security to keep the siren operating.

Two Centuries Ago

Diary Entry In The Year 1678 Speaks About Bombs

In the "Diary" of John Evelyn, who was born 220 years ago, there is what is probably the first allusion ever made to bombs. An entry under the year 1678 reads as follows: "I saw a trial of those devilish, murdering, mischief-doing engines, called Bombs, shot out of the mortar-piece on Blackheath." Little did he realize that a descendant of those devilish engines would crash through the roof of his friend Christopher Wren's masterpiece—Manchester Guardian.

Modest Youth

Canadian Soldier In England Refuses To Brag About Exploit

Twenty-year-old Pte. Jack Droye, of Vancouver, is a modest lad who has turned out to be somewhat of a hero in the 2nd Canadian division. A few weeks ago he went to London on leave. There was plenty of bombing and he returned to camp without any unusual yarns. Then a letter came to a senior officer of the division from the Red Cross, informing him of valuable service Droye gave when he helped rescue survivors from a building, shattered by Nazi air attacks. The youth didn't tell anyone about the exploit—not even Lieut. William Ferguson of Winnipeg, whose batman he is. And he doesn't want to talk about it much yet. "Aw, let's not make a fuss about it; that sort of thing goes on in London every night," he said.

It has been discovered that certain chemical agents which make water "wetter," and are contained in some new form of soap, also kill numerous kinds of deadly germs. The agents make water so "wet" that it penetrates through the feathers of birds, even waterfowl.

"Five dollars if you can tell me which is the Bluegrass State," said the radio quiz master. But he failed to hum "My Old Kentucky Home," which made it tough.

Birds' ancestors were reptiles, and feathers have evolved from scales.

Walking Sticks

The Cane Industry Still Flourishes In Britain

Over a remote fifteen-mile stretch of the Surrey-Exeter border, they are now cutting the "small wood" for the world's best walking sticks.

Shrewd country eyes have measured up a copse of ash or hazel, chestnut, blackthorn, oak or furze. Before they begin their cutting they could tell almost exactly what a copse would hold for them in walking sticks or shepherd's crooks, umbrella handles, Scout poles or hikers' "tumb sticks," anything up to five feet in length.

They make all of these, some for the United States, some for the dominions. The walking sticks come first. It is an English habit, especially in American eyes, to carry a walking stick, and walking stick suppliers in the United States still stipulate for "Downland ash" when they want the finest. It comes from a farm where the work of the original craftsman is being carried on to-day by his three surviving sons, two sons-in-law, and two grandsons. The natural cross-head ash from these Downs is as good walking stick material as can be found anywhere. Straightroot ash is good, too, and the polished rods become attractive handles to a straight stick.

The wood for shepherd's crooks is put into fire hot sand over a slow furnace and brought to the pliability of rubber. If in turning it in the vice, the outer bark comes off, the stick is put aside; a barked stick is the most valuable.

The craftsmen who do the job well were all born in one of these hamlets on the Downs. It is a traditional English industry quietly flourishing in the midst of war.

Look For Metals

To Make This Continent Independent Of Foreign Sources Of War Material

The newest effort to make countries of the western hemisphere independent of foreign sources of war materials was announced by Harold Ickes, United States secretary of the interior.

In a press conference statement he said that six scientists of the United States geological survey are en route to Bolivia, Cuba and Brazil to explore areas which may furnish tin, tungsten, manganese, chromite and antimony, as well as other metals essential in the western hemisphere defence program.

All of these are listed as either "necessary" or "critical" materials in the production of steel and light-weight alloys for aircraft construction, and most of them have in the past been imported from far eastern and European countries. These supplies have either been curtailed or cut off entirely by the present war.

Was Prize Attraction

Brahma, German Cane Elephant, Lived More Than 100 Years

Brahma, the only elephant in the world to have owned a private railway car, died at Munich, Germany, at the age of one hundred and some years.

He was one of the prize attractions of the German Circus Krone and one of the biggest elephants ever to have been in captivity. In size he surpassed even P. T. Barnum's mammoth pachyderm, the legendary Jumbo.

His owner, Carl Krone, had built for him a special railway car in which Brahman travelled for years around the globe. Described in his youth as malicious, Brahman developed into Circus Krone's pride and joy and was for many years the leading elephant of the largest elephant show ever known.

Taxes In Australia

Habitual moaners who spend a lot of time bewailing the ruinous character of Canadian taxes, please take a look at Australia. There income is five per cent. on taxable incomes of \$1,000; 25 per cent. on \$3,500; and 50 per cent. on incomes above \$5,325.

We are passing through a time that history will probably never see again. Be certain that you are playing your part to the limit of your ability.

Borely—Tell me how I can make a great hit at the banquet to-night. Peeduku—When they call on you for a speech just refuse.

Test-pegs made from beechwood grown in the Chiltern Hills of England go to all parts of the world, for army use.

Before wire nails were produced early in the 19th century, nails were made from flat sheets of iron and steel.



Slanders Hurt War Effort

Lies About Canadian Red Cross Society Are Exposed

Few organizations in Canada have been more severely criticized by whisperers than the Canadian Red Cross Society. No sooner is one lie exposed than a second is invented and given wings. The latest attack on this patriotic organization is that the chairman and the secretary are drawing fabulous salaries. The sole purpose of these untruths is to hamper the Red Cross in its humanitarian work.

It has been whispered around that Dr. Routley receives a salary of \$17,000 or more per annum. The Globe and Mail has reason to know that this is utterly false, the fact is that the combined salaries of the national commissioner (Dr. Routley), the assistant national commissioner and their secretaries (both highly trained young women) total only \$13,600. Moreover, Dr. Routley gave up a private practice which yielded him more than double his present salary to take on the Red Cross work.

Neither the chairman nor any other person on the national executive receives any remuneration. The same applies to the patriotic and distinguished men and women who are devoting time and talents to the direction of this great organization.

It has been said in criticism that Red Cross funds are not audited. The truth is that the Red Cross is the most thoroughly audited society in the Dominion.

Falselyhoods about the Red Cross are invented by malicious enemies to shut the gates of mercy and impede the war effort. Toronto Globe and Mail.

May Train Mechanics

Would Provide Instruction For Canadian Active Force

Canada-wide facilities of the youth training programme may be used to provide instruction in certain trades for selected men from the Canadian active army. It was learned authoritatively at the Labor department.

Consideration is being given the proposal, but no decision has been announced. It is understood close to 5,000 men would be involved.

The youth training branch has already co-operated with the defence department in providing courses for some 600 men who attended classes as part of their military training.

For the past 18 months, the branch has been training men to prepare them as air force ground mechanics and for war industries. Schools in existence and facilities of all technical schools were used during the past summer season.

Milk kept in a roomy, shallow basin will keep sweet longer than if put in a jug.

In the Hawaiian islands, white violets grow on stalks four feet high.

Turkish Air Force

Is Modelled On Same Lines As The R.A.F.

With the exception of Soviet Russia, Turkey's Air Force is stronger than any of her neighbors, possessing a front-line strength of between 300 and 400 aircraft, including some of the most modern fighters and bombers, and, what is more important, skill, great potential reserves of pilots and flying and ground crews.

The Turkish Air Force is modelled on much the same lines as the R.A.F. which is not very surprising, since most of the flying instructors are British. Their officers and mechanics wear an almost identical uniform, and many of their best machines are British. The others are either American, French, Polish, or German.

The force is famed for the exceptional flying ability of its pilots—especially flyers. They have a daring and speed of action which is comparable with that of our own men. Any aggressors will find them well equipped, well armed, and equally well versed in all the wiles of air strategy.

Turkey's Air Force is controlled and operated by the General Staff at Ankara. In order that it may play its maximum part in any land activities, a bureau of 12 senior officers, under the command of a colonel, is included on the General Staff.

In the last three years the Turks have made up for previous neglect. Reynolds News, London.

SELECTED RECIPES

CREAM PIE

1 cup granulated sugar
3/4 tablespoon Durham corn starch
2 teaspoon salt
2 1/2 cups hot milk
2 egg yolks
1 teaspoon pure vanilla
1 tablespoon butter
Baked pie shell
Meringue of 2 egg whites and 1/4 cup sugar

Combine 1/2 cup granulated sugar thoroughly with corn starch and salt. Stir in hot milk. Stir and cook in double boiler until mixture has thickened smoothly. Cover and cook with occasional stirring, until no raw flavor remains. Stir into slightly-beaten egg yolks return to double boiler and stir until eggs have thickened. Remove from heat and add vanilla and butter. Cool partially, then turn into baked pie shell. Cover with meringue of egg whites, few grains salt and 1/4 cup fine granulated sugar. Brown delicately in a slow oven, 300 degrees F.

Cocanut Cream Pie: Add two-thirds cup shredded coconut to filling, with vanilla; sprinkle meringue with coconut before browning.

JELL-O PLUM PUDDING

1 package lemon or cherry Jell-O
Dash of salt
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon cloves
1 pint hot water
3/4 cup finely cut raisins
3/4 cup finely cut cooked prunes
1/4 cup finely cut citron
3/4 cup finely cut nut meats
1/2 cup Grape-Nuts
Combine Jell-O, salt, and spices; add hot water and stir until Jell-O is dissolved. Chill. When slightly thickened, fold in combined fruits, nuts, and grape-nuts. Turn into mold. Chill until firm. Unmold. Serve with foamy sauce or with whipped cream flavored with nutmeg. Serves 10.
Note: One-fourth cup brandy may be added with fruits, if desired.

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Are swollen membranes and clogging mucus causing a stuffy head making life miserable for you? Then relieve discomforts with a few drops of Vicks Vapo-rinol on each nostril.

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Testing Steel

Powerful X-Ray Machine Used For Safety Measures

The biggest industrial X-ray in the United States began looking through the steel going into warships and other military equipment.

The new ray takes two minutes to take a picture of a four-inch thickness of steel, against an hour previously required. It takes five-inch depth photos in five minutes, compared with three hours previously.

The rays are produced by a new type X-ray tube of 1,000,000 volts invented by technicians of the General Electric Company. It has been installed in a special building with walls three feet thick, to inspect huge machinery parts.

The tube was developed originally at the request of Memorial Hospital, New York, for cancer work.

In terms of radium, the tube's rays are equivalent to about \$90,000,000 worth.

X-ray inspection of machinery is an established industrial process. The method has uncovered interior flaws which otherwise would have gone unnoticed, but the time necessary to take pictures through steel has been a handicap.

When the ray is in operation, the operator watches it through a periscope behind a 36-inch wall.

TWO WAYS TO PAY YOUR INCOME TAX

THE HARD WAY— Forget about your sharply-increased wartime income tax until it becomes due on April 30, 1941. Then, no doubt, you will be rudely shocked by the size of the amount you will have to pay.

THE EASY WAY— Plan now to take advantage of the government's offer to accept monthly instalments, without interest charge. The offer is explained in a pamphlet, which shows you how to ease the burden of your income tax by spreading it over an extended period, permitting gradual adjustment of your spending and saving program. By doing this you not only simplify your own tax problem but you also help Canada's war effort by expediting collection of government revenue.

Extract from Booklet issued by Financial Counsel, Toronto-Montreal.

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"There is one thing I would like to ask you, Carlton," he said, half turning his head toward his captor, who sat by his side. "I read in the newspapers that the ports were being watched and all sorts of extraordinary precautions were being taken against my leaving the country. I presume that the news of my arrest will be made known immediately to these watchful gentlemen? I should hate to feel that they were

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This man's job is one of the most dangerous in war-time England. It is to destroy German mines that have been swept from the sea by his buddies in the R.M.S. "Rendering Mines Safe." After the mine is hauled up on the beach, it is dismantled. The explosives are taken out and burned.

The oftener a man fails, the greater the applause when he finally succeeds. 2391

YOUR INCOME TAX

HOW? WHEN? WHERE?

WHO? HOW MUCH?



THIS YEAR, almost every man and woman in Canada will share the burden of paying for the war. A million new taxpayers will pay who never paid before. A personal budget payment plan is available to old taxpayers who are faced with substantially increased income taxes.

Canadians are asked to shoulder their share of the war effort cheerfully and willingly. By paying your income tax regularly you help to speed the production of war material, and bring the day of victory closer. Figure out how much tax you will have to pay, and arrange to pay promptly when due.

Pay by instalments—the easy way—and save interest. Cut out this page and keep it for future reference.



WHO PAYS INCOME TAX?

If you are a single person without dependents, and your income in 1940 was more than \$750.00 you pay general-income-tax.

If you are a married person without dependents, and your income in 1940 was more than \$1,500.00 you pay general-income-tax.

If you are a married person with children, you are allowed \$400.00 exemption for each dependent child or grandchild, in addition to the \$1,500.00 exemption.

NOTE: In addition to the general-income-tax you pay National Defence Tax on your total income without any exemption if you are single and your income goes over \$500 or if you are married and your income goes over \$1,200.



HOW DO YOU PAY?

Your income tax may be paid in the following ways:

1. **The Present Method:** At least one-third of the tax to be paid by April 30th, the balance, with interest at 5% from April 30th, to be paid by August 31st. On any balance unpaid after August 31st, the interest rate will be 8%.

2. **The Proposed Method:** In 8 monthly instalments without interest. To take advantage of this new way of paying, the first instalment must be paid on or before January 31st. You must pay at least one-third of the estimated tax in four equal monthly instalments, in January, February, March and April, i.e., 1/8 of the estimated tax in each of the said 4 months. The remaining two-thirds must be paid in four equal monthly instalments in May, June, July and August, i.e., 1/8 of the estimated tax in each of the said 4 months. (This will be in the amended law.)

3. **The Recommended Method:** This method will not be found in

the law but it is a simple method, namely, in eight equal monthly instalments, without interest, commencing in January.

To take advantage of the monthly payment plan without interest each payment must be made on or before the due date. Otherwise interest will be charged on the total balance remaining unpaid after April 30th.



EXAMPLE OF INSTALMENT PAYING WITHOUT INTEREST

If your estimated tax is \$60.00 you pay one-third of the tax (\$20.00) in four instalments (\$5.00 each) and the remaining two-thirds (\$40.00) in four instalments (\$10.00 each). Your payments are therefore as follows:

On or Before	On or Before	On or Before	On or Before
Jan. 31	Feb. 28	Mar. 31	April 30
\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5
May 31	June 30	July 31	Aug. 31
\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10 = \$60

However it is recommended that you pay your tax in eight equal monthly instalments of \$7.50 each—\$60.00.

Instalment Income Tax Remittance Forms are available at any post office, or any branch of any bank, or the office of the Inspector for your

District, and their use will ensure accurate and proper allocation of your payment. However, you can send in your instalments by ordinary letter with your name and address plainly stated thereon, clearly indicating the division between Provincial and Dominion Tax payments.



HOW MUCH DO YOU PAY?

The general-income-tax is payable on your net income less exemptions.

If you are single, your exemption is \$750.00. Thus if your total income is \$1,000.00 you must pay tax on \$250.00.

The exemption for a married person is \$1,500.00 plus \$400.00 for each dependent child or grandchild. Thus if you are a married man with two children and a total income of \$2,000.00 your total exemptions are \$1,500.00 plus \$400.00 for each child, or \$2,300.00 in all. So you pay tax on \$300.00.

Payment: You may send a cheque, Post Office or Money Order in payment of income tax by mail, to the Inspector of Income Tax for the District in which you reside, made payable to the Receiver General of Canada. Write plainly, and give your name in full, so that mistakes in crediting may be avoided. Do not send money or postage stamps in envelopes.

RATES OF NATIONAL DEFENCE TAX

For a single person

2% on the total income if the income exceeds \$500 and does not exceed \$1,200.

3% on the total income if the income exceeds \$1,200.

For a married person

2% on the total income if the income exceeds \$1,200 with a tax credit of \$8.00 for each dependent child or grandchild.

For 1940 the tax is on one-half of the income and the tax credit is \$4.00.



FURTHER INFORMATION

including the National Defence Tax Booklet and the necessary forms may be obtained from the Inspector of Income Tax for the district in which you reside.

Forms are now available. Form T.1 Special is to be used by individuals who are not in business whose income is not more than \$500. All others must use the regular form T.1 or in the case of farmers, Form T.1A. Proprietors in business must file, in addition to the Form T.1 Return, an Excess Profits Tax Return on Form E.P.T.1 on or before April 30th next.

Rates of General-Income-Tax which Individuals Must Pay

Your net taxable income is the amount left after you deduct exemptions from your total income.

If your net taxable income is \$250 or less the tax is 6% thereon.

If between \$250 and \$1,000 the tax is \$ 15 plus	8% on the excess over \$ 250
" " 1000 and 2000	" 75 " 12% " " 1000
" " 2000 and 3000	" 195 " 16% " " 2000
" " 3000 and 4000	" 355 " 20% " " 3000
" " 4000 and 5000	" 555 " 24% " " 4000
" " 5000 and 6000	" 795 " 28% " " 5000
" " 6000 and 7000	" 1065 " 32% " " 6000
" " 7000 and 8000	" 1365 " 36% " " 7000
" " 8000 and 9000	" 1695 " 40% " " 8000
" " 9000 and 10000	" 2045 " 44% " " 9000

For higher incomes refer to the Income War Tax Act.

In addition to the above rates, there is a surtax on all investment income in excess of \$500.00.

Also there is National Defence Tax and in some Provinces, Provincial Income Tax.

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WEDDING BELLS

FLUEVOG-WACHTER

Miss Ruth Wachter, 3rd daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Wachter, was united in marriage on December 18th to Sigurd C. Fluevog of Irma, at the home of the bride's parents in Kinross. The Rev. J. B. Stoele of Viking officiating.

The bride who was attended by her sister Doris, wore a rose pink gown with short veil and white accessories. She carried a bouquet of pink chrysanthemums and fern.

Mr. Norman Fluevog, brother of the groom was best man.

The ceremony was performed under an arch of pink and white streamers and white bells. Mrs. Claude Wachter of Edmonton, sister-in-law of the bride, played the Wedding March.

The wedding breakfast was served to 12 immediate relatives of the bride and groom: Miss Mary Hopkins assisted at the breakfast table.

The couple motored to Edmonton before making their home 9 miles south of Irma. The following out-of-town guests attended the wedding: Mrs. C. Wachter and son Lorne of Edmonton, Mr. and Mrs. P. Nelson, Mrs. Hollinger and Mr. Norman Fluevog, all of Irma.

GAS LINE HOCKEY SCHEDULE

Following is the schedule for the Gas Line hockey league, and the games are to be played on the ice of the first mentioned team:

Jan.	Teams
16—Holden - Ryley.	
18—Viking - Irma.	
20—Irma - Holden.	
22—Viking - Ryley.	
24—Ryley - Irma.	
27—Irma - Ryley.	
29—Viking - Holden.	
30—Ryley - Viking.	
30—Holden - Irma.	
Feb.	
3—Irma - Viking.	
3—Ryley - Holden.	
6—Holden - Ryley.	
8—Viking - Irma.	
10—Irma - Holden.	
12—Ryley - Irma.	
13—Holden - Viking.	
16—Viking - Ryley.	

"Many Canadians scarcely realize that they are at war, but in the end this war will be decided, not by preponderance of shells and planes but by the morale and courage of our people, their willingness to endure sacrifice and perseverance under the most severe limitations."—Hon. Duncan McArthur.

S.T.I. of W.C.T.U.

Evidences are coming in that the Scientific Temperance contest of the W.C.T.U. is well on its way in this province.

School inspectors and superintendents are responding cordially to the annual appeal for co-operation. Encouraging messages come from various quarters. One, for instance, writes "glad to co-operate with your organization in this matter." Again another one encloses "as a mailing list" not only the names of his teachers with addresses but gives grades taught by each, which enables me to select suitable literature to supply them for class work. Another, sending out "staff bulletins" to his teachers asks them in filling in list of material required for their school, to stipulate along with number of rooms and Gideon Bibles the amount of "detailed material they need for the W.C.T.U. Temperance contest" and then add in large type at the foot of his bulletin "Please post in your school these lines: 'A splendid contest has been arranged by the W.C.T.U. for all school pupils. Details may be had at this office or from superintendent at Irma.'"

And now for our own immediate vicinity, bearing in mind the slogan "Read in the home of every resident

LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Smith will soon have their new home on King St. ready for occupation.

Mr. J. Hines and family are preparing to move into the J. R. Love cottage. The property which Mr. Hines has been occupying now belongs to the Imperial Lumber Co.

Please take notice. I have the agency for G.C.M. high quality goods. Place your order now for skating and hockey equipment. Steve's Shoes and Harness Shop. 10-17

Quite a number of Irma boys are away at Camrose getting their thirty days military training. Among them are Albert Glasgow, Ralph Congdon, Gordon Blackley and L. Askeland.

A nice crowd attended the first of the L.O.B.A. whist drives held last Thursday. Mrs. Robert Smith and Mr. Eldon Fenton were the lucky winners of first prize while Mrs. J. Bishop and Mr. Axel Peterson came in for the consolation prizes.

A meeting under the auspices of the Central Alberta Livestock Association was held in Kiefer's hall on Tuesday, January 14, and was fairly well attended. Mr. A. Newman, secretary of the Association addressed the gathering.

The annual meeting of the rate-payers of the village of Irma will be held the last Friday of this month, January 21st, at 8 o'clock p.m. Nomination day is February 3rd and election day, if it is necessary to hold an election, February 10th. Mr. Hedley is the retiring councillor.

The date of the January meeting of the W.M.S. has been changed to Thursday, January 23. This meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Osterhout. Everyone interested in the work of the W.M.S. is cordially invited to attend these meetings.

Measles are again going the rounds in the Irma district.

In the Irma trading area" which appears vividly in each issue of our home paper, the Irma Times, the local W.O. T.U. follows suit by sending to any and all teachers in the same area a cordial invitation to enter classes in this contest. It will be noted the entire matter parallels requirements of department of education. Rules always on hand and, with literature, supplied on application.

Nancy O. Parke.

"It is easier to be virtuous when one is poor, and a man can sometimes resist temptation if it is expensive." Will Durant

"The work of the church and all uplifting bodies would fall into obscurity or worse unless the Allies achieved a decisive victory."—Guy Tombs.

"Politicians are troublesome when the electors forget that government is their business, your business and mine, all the year round."—Hertel Larocque.

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